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REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment and response, claims 1 and 3-21 were pending in the present application. By the present amendment, claims 1 and 3-21 have been canceled and new claims 22-31 have been added. All new claims 22-31 are now in condition for allowance, as explained below.

New claim 22 is the independent form of claim 6 and is allowable according to the Examiner's comments on page 5 of the Office Action dated April 21, 2005. New claims 23, 24, 25, and 26 correspond to, respectively, previous claims 7, 8, 9, and 10 and are also allowable according to the Examiner's comments on page 5 of the Office Action.

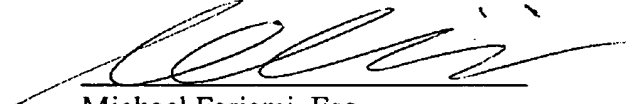
Further, new claim 27 is the independent form of claim 13 and is allowable according to the Examiner's comments on page 5 of the Office Action dated April 21, 2005. New claims 28, 29, 30, and 31 correspond to, respectively, previous claims 14, 17, 18, and 20 and are also allowable according to the Examiner's comments on page 5 of the Office Action.

Thus, an early Notice of Allowance for all claims 22-31 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

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